

“A Good Soldier of Christ Jesus”

Intro: Having encouraged Timothy to _____ be _____ of the gospel of Jesus Christ now, in this second chapter, Paul instructs him in what unashamed worshipful ministry consists of, how it is to be lived and practiced.

I. The _____ to _____ service.

A. _____: The strength by which we actively fulfill our duty to God is gained from the _____ that is in Christ Jesus.

1. We can be empowered in the grace that is in Christ Jesus for we have a true knowledge of His _____. To be _____ we must recall and believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ and God's saving grace toward us who believe.

B. _____: From Christ Jesus to the disciples (Matt. 28:18-20) and to Paul (I Cor. 15:1-8); from Paul to Timothy (I Tim. 1:18, 2 Tim. 1:14); from Timothy to faithful men (II Tim. 2:2); from faithful men to others also (II Tim. 2:2); and from others also _____ today (Ro. 15:4), we who trust in Jesus are entrusted with the gospel that we should make disciples. We have the authority _____ handed down to us from Christ Himself.

C. _____: We are to suffer willingly for the sake of Christ. The willingness to suffer affliction comes from our knowledge of the _____ we have in Christ Jesus. The spiritual strength by which we endure affliction flows from our faith in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

1. We are to willingly suffer affliction as a good _____!
We whom God caused to be born again are enlisted in Christ's campaign and being good soldiers we must by faith in Him and His provision for our daily need, be whole-heartedly committed to going and doing as He orders. We must be good soldiers who willingly suffer hardship for Him who laid down His life for us! We must serve to with one thing on our mind: _____ our High and Holy _____!

2. We are to willingly suffer affliction as an _____! We must train and buffet ourselves in self-denial and service to _____, competing according to the _____ of His Word.

3. We are to willingly suffer affliction as an _____ culturalist! We are to actively involve ourselves in the suffering of the hard work of ministry, patiently passing the gospel on one to another, being encouraged in the knowledge that in due season we will reap our _____. We labor in _____ in God!

D. _____: As we consider the Word before us _____ will cause us to apprehend the truth and application of it.

1. Those who draw their strength from the _____ that is in Christ Jesus, and serve in the authority of Christ, come to willingly suffer hardship for His name sake. These serve Him as _____ soldiers, competent athletes, and patient farmers; and to them God grants understanding in everything. These are those who live lives that are _____ of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Closing: Believe in Jesus today! _____ Him as Your Lord and Master! Do not be afraid but courageously answer His call to active duty. Live a life of great meaning and purpose by carrying the gospel to others. Be willing to suffer as His good soldier, as a good athlete and a good farmer. You can do this for God demonstrated His love and grace toward you through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus. _____ in Jesus and you will _____ for Jesus.

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